GORDON LEVERTON

A self-taught artist, Gordon Leverton's love of the urban environment has informed his painting practice, placing landscape and architectural design at the forefront. His portrayal of city's architectural elements rendered with flattened perspective, bright colours, and strong play of light and shadow has become his signature style.

Leverton breaks down the city into component parts. Shadows, buildings and skylines, all become part of the same plane and transform into pieces of a puzzle. Using thin washes of acrylic paint to achieve solid forms of colour, Leverton explores a theme common to the urban experience – how community connects us all. Leverton is currently exploring ways in harmonizing his urban subject matter through abstraction, and bringing focus to physical spaces that are overlooked or ignored as traditional subjects of landscape.

In June 2024, Leverton was honored with the 2024 City of Hamilton, Canada Creator Arts Awards for his artistic work. In December 2023, Leverton was elected to The Ontario Society of Artists and won the 2023 Art of Heritage Award from City of Hamilton and Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee for his significant role in educating people on Hamilton's heritage

Leverton was invited to participate as a focus group member of the 2023 City of Hamilton, Locke Street Marker Public Art Project, currently member of Society of Canadian Artists, Hamilton Artists Inc. and Hamilton Arts Council. He was the founding member of the West Hamilton Artists Tour (W.H.A.T) and the co-founder of a new project called SOCIAL SPACE – artist-run pop-up arts shows and charity events.

His work has appeared in numerous publications, broadcasts, journals and media TV and movies and is widely collected, both nationally and internationally. Gordon lives in Hamilton, Ontario with his wife and two children.

RECOGNITION/AWARDS

2024 City of Hamilton, Art Creator Award

2024 The Hamilton Spectator, Local Favorite Artist Nominee (awarded in July 2024)

2023 City of Hamilton, Heritage Art Architecture Award

2023 Ontario Society of Artists (OSA), Appointed Member

2024-2020 <u>Toronto Outdoor Art Fair (TOAF)</u>, Honorable Mention: Daniella Krysa (Toronto), Maurie Marquis (Montreal), Stephane Monnet & Jeroen Dijkstra (Toronto)

2017 Best in Show, Art on the Street, Guelph, ON

2014 Honorable Mention: Drawing, Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition. Toronto, ON

2008 Best Visual Artist, Best of Hamilton awards, H Magazine, Hamilton, ON

2008 First Prize, Junction Juried Art Exhibition, Toronto, ON

SELECTED EXHIBITS/ARTIST TALKS

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2024 Stephanie Breitbard Fine Arts Gallery, San Francisco, USA (Holiday Group Show)
2006-2024 Toronto Outdoor Art Fair Toronto, ON – Juried for 19 consecutive years
2024 Grimsby Public Art Gallery (GPAG) - Architectural Group Juried Exhibition
2024 Society of Canadian Artists (SCA)- 56 Annual Juried Exhibition, Toronto, Canada
2010-2024 Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH) - Art Sales, Hamilton, ON
2022-2024 SOCIAL SPACE, Pop-Up Art Events, Head Curator, Various (Canada)
2012-2024 <u>Dundas Valley School of Arts - Annual Art Auction</u>, Dundas, ON
2012-2024 Dundas Valley School of Arts - Little Black Frame Shows, Dundas, ON
2024 Art Fair, The Cotton Factory, Juried Exhibition, Hamilton, Ontario
2022 <u>Dundas Valley School of Arts</u> – Artist Talk, Dundas, ON
2022 Square Yard Show, Paul Elia Gallery, Joint Show + Head Curator, Hamilton, ON
2021 & 2010 The Artist Project (TAP), Toronto, ON
2022-2021 McMichael Canadian Art Gallery - Autumn Artisan Market, Kleinburg, ON
2022 Taren White Art Gallery - Holiday Show, Paris, ON
2006-2021 West Hamilton Artist Tour (WHAT), Hamilton, ON
2021 Views of a City, Paul Elia Gallery, Joint Show + Head Curator, Hamilton, ON
2020 One of A Kind (Spring) Online Show, Toronto, ON
2020 Paula White Diamond Gallery - BIG Ideas & SFS, Kitchener, ON
2020 Leslie Grove Gallery - Artwalk in the Square, Queen St. W, Toronto, ON
2020 Earls Court Gallery - Count 10, Hamilton, ON
2017 Hamilton Consulate - popup gallery, 637 Queen St. W, Toronto. ON
2017 The Shifting City – Art Gallery of Hamilton. Hamilton, ON
2016 Kunterbunt - Durham Public Art Gallery, Durham, ON
2015 New Works - Hamilton Conservatory of the Arts, Hamilton. ON
2012 Metropolitan - Strychnin Gallery, Berlin, Germany
2012 Lines of Vision (with Micheal Zarowsky) - Earls Court Gallery, Hamilton. ON
2012 This Land is Your Land - Grimsby Public Art Gallery, Grimsby, ON.
2012 Toronto Calls - Canadian Fine Arts Gallery, Toronto, ON
2011-2012 Timeraiser Hamilton & Ottawa - National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, ON
2011 BYOH: Build Your Own Hamilton - Workers' Arts & Heritage Centre, Hamilton, ON
2011 Industrial Re-Evolution - Museum of Steam & Technology, Hamilton, ON
2011 Liminal Spaces - Hamilton Artists Inc., Hamilton' ON
2010 Winter Show - Bezpala Brown Gallery, Toronto.
2010 OCAD "Whodunit?" - Ontario College of Art & Design, Toronto. ON
2010 From Canada with Love - Pennello Gallery, Cleveland, USA
2009 Citified - Jordan Art Gallery, Jordan Village, ON
2009 Paper Thin City - Marten Arts Gallery, Bayfield, ON
2008 Fall Impressions - Gallery ArtPlus, Belleville, ON
2008 Shapes of the City - Carnegie Gallery, Dundas, ON
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2008 The Urban Landscape - Sunrise Gallery, Hamilton, ON 2008 Urban Timelines - Hang Man Gallery, Toronto. ON 2008 my City: urban artworks - urbanscape gallery, Toronto, ON 2007 Strata - Workers' Art and Heritage Centre, Hamilton, ON 2007 Portraits of the Everyday - Latcham Gallery, Stouffville, ON

SELECTED PRESS

SUBOART Magazine, ARTIST FEATURE I No. 25 - 2024 Summer Double Edition Create! Magazine, Spring Edition, 2023 Featuring "Built", Jack Reacher, Prime/Netflix, TV series, 2023 SD Voyager - San Diego, Urban Artists, Jan 2023 Curated by the Jealous Curator, Toronto Online Art Fair, 2020 Artist Profile, The Woven Tale Press Vol VII, #1, New York, 2019 20 Artists to meet at the 2018 Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Toronto Guardian, 2018 Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibit - TOAE, Designlines Magazine, Issue 3, 2017 Big Brothers of Canada TV Show, 2017 One Artist at a Time, profile, urbanicity magazine, May 2016 Artist Profile, West of the City Magazine, May/June 2014 Abstract & Urban, profile, Hamilton Magazine, Spring 2014 Hart House Review 2014, University of Toronto, Coach House Press, 2014 Portfolio Review, Hamilton Arts & Letters, Fall/Winter 2013 Gallery Crawl (with photo), Fran Schechter, Now Magazine, Toronto, 2012 Artworks to Salve the Wintry Canadian Soul, R.M. Vaughn, The Globe & Mail, 2010 House Painting on a Whole Other Level, Dave LeBlanc, The Globe & Mail, Aug. 2009 Riverdale's Walk of Frames, Davida Aronovitch, The Globe and Mail, 2009 Hamilton Artists Establishing Their Presence, Jeff Mahoney, Hamilton Spectator, 2009

COLLECTIONS

Ron Joyce Foundation, International, Private Collection
Clifton Blake Asset Management, Toronto, ON, Public Collection acquisition (2024) of
13 large scale artworks

<u>CCH Pounder</u>, Actress, New Orleans, USA, Private Collection
<u>Tom Wilson Tehohåhake</u>, Canadian Musician, Songwriter, Author, Artist, Storyteller
<u>City of Toronto - Mayor Office</u>, Toronto, ON, Public Collection
<u>Clifton Blake Asset Management</u>, Toronto, ON, Public Collection of 13 large scale artworks (created in 2024)

Private Collectors I Mexico City, Mexico, USA, England, Spain, Portugal, Canada Australia, New Zealand

Hamilton Public Library, Hamilton, ON, Public Collection

Kitchener Public Library, Kitchener, ON, Public Collection dpAl architects, Hamilton, ON, Private Collection Lamont Law, Hamilton, Ontario
First Ontario Credit Union, Canada, Public Collection
Nycomed Canada, Various, Private Collection
Big Brothers of Canada, Canada, Private Collections
Carstar, Hamilton, ON
Museum of Steam and Technology, Hamilton, ON